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COATING LAYER MADE OF)
EXPANDABLE AND CROSS-)
LINKABLE MATERIAL IN A)
CABLE)

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Before examining this application, please amend this application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this amendment.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 3 of this amendment.

An abstract is provided on page 6 of this amendment and as a separate page enclosed herewith.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this amendment.